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SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING GROUP

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1. IN ABSENCE FRG AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD MADE LAST JOINT DEMARCHE TO
GOP, AMB HUMMEL MARCH 16 CALLED ON NAIZ NAIK, ADDITIONAL FOREIGN
SECRETARY, AND MUNIR AKRAM, DIRECTOR-UN AFFAIRS AND LEFT
NON-PAPER CONTAINING TALKING POINTS FROM REFTEL. AMB HUMMEL
EXPLAINED HE WAS MAKING DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF FRG AND JAPJ AS
WELL (FRG HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH OUR TALKING
POINTS SO LONG AS THEY WERE NOT "OVERLY CRITICAL" OF PAKISTAN'S
ACTION AT MARCH 8-9 MEETING. JAPANESE WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS
BUT JAPANESE AMB VOLUNTARILY ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH DEMARCHE.
DUTCH AMB WAS ALSO WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND DID NOT ASSOCIATE
HIMSELF WITH DEMARCHE.) NAIZ NAIK AND MUNIR AKRAM SAID THAT
PAKISTAN WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE MARCH 20 SESSION BY
REPRESENTATIVES FROM FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND DELEGATION WOULD BE INSTRUCTED. THEY
ADDED THAT PAKISTAN IS A SIGNATORY TO TORONTO AND HAGUE
CONVENTIONS BUT HAS PROBLEM WITH EXTRADITION PROVISIONS OF
MONTREAL CONVENTION WHICH STEMS FROM DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR
PAKISTAN IF IT WERE COMPELLED TO EXTRADITE KASHMIRIS WHO
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HIJACKED PLANES TO PAKISTAN. MUNIR AKRAM HOPED THAT SOME
FLEXIBILITY AT MARCH 20 SESSION COULD FIND WAY AROUND THIS POINT
SO THAT PAKISTAN COULD ACCEDE TO MONTREAL CONVENTION, NAIZ NAIK
EXPLAINED THAT SOVIETS ARE PRESSURING PAKISTAN FOR BILATERAL
ANTI-HIJACKING AGREEMENT WHICH CREATES SAME SORT OF PROBLEM FOR
PAKISTAN AND HE SAID PAKISTAN IS RESISTING SOVIET PRESSURES.
HUMMEL

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